

# 9 Strip Quilt Directions

FOR BEGINNER

In your packet you should have 3 pieces of fabric approximately 18" wide x width of fabric "WOF". **One of the pieces should be a piece of novelty fabric with a print suitable for a 3 to 5 year old child. Flowers are not a novelty print.** If you do not have these, please call me and we will figure out what to do. Cut each of the 3 pieces into 3-6" pieces (or if your fabric is a little smaller or larger than 18" into 3 equal pieces x WOF) . You will also have a piece of fabric large enough for backing or a couple pieces with which to make a backing (frequently the flannel is not wide enough so there is a smaller piece to add to the side or the piece is long enough to cut some off to add to make the backing as wide as the widest pieces of fabric you have in the top). Please do not cut the quilt down to the width of the flannel as we want the quilts to be as wide as possible. **ALSO PLEASE DO NOT MAKE YOUR 9 STRIP LONGER THAN 52 INCHES.** If you are putting together your own 9 strip please follow these fabric requirements.

IN THIS CASE I HAVE PRECUT YOUR STRIPS AND LABELED THEM 1-9. SEW THEM TOGETHER IN THAT ORDER **WITH A ¼" SEAM.** Unless you are an experienced sewer you will want to pin your strips together before sewing. **It is very important that you use a ¼" seam and not something larger because if you use a larger seam the quilt will be shorter than it is supposed to be. For example, if you use a ½" seam the quilt will be 4-1/2" shorter than intended.**

You will now have 9 strips of fabric. Sew the strips together alternating them fabric 1, fabric 2, fabric 3, three times. Once you are done, you have completed your 9 strip quilt top.

If your backing is flannel, you need to wash it before making your back as it shrinks a lot. (In some cases it was prewashed before it was donated or I have prewashed it. If it has been prewashed it will be noted in your packet.)

You will then pillowcase the top and backing with the batting inside. To do this, lay out your batting, put your backing on top right side up, then your top on the backing, right side down. Pin and sew around the edges approximately a ½" from the edge. Leave an opening large enough to turn it. Once it is sewn, turn it, sew the opening closed and top stitch the quilt around the edge. You can then quilt it or tie it. The Soft and Bright Batting we use requires quilting a minimum of 10" apart.

Please return 2 quart plastic bag if your kit is in one, as well as the bag the kit and batting come in. Thanks so much.

**IF AT ANY TIME YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND A STEP, PLEASE CALL ME AT 408-295-2287. IF YOU FEEL IT IS TOO HARD OR YOU ARE HAVING TOO MUCH TROUBLE DOING IT, JUST RETURN IT AND I WILL HAVE SOMEONE ELSE COMPLETE IT. YOU WON'T BE THE FIRST ONE TO DO THAT.**

**Barb.**